

Senior Checklist

August



- Attend registration
- Buy ASB Card
- Finalize your college list and begin the online applications process. Stay organized by making a copy and using this Google [spreadsheet](#)
- The University of California application opens on August 1st. [University of California](#)
- The UC application requires you to answer four out of eight Personal Insight Questions, and select the questions that would best define you. [UC Personal Insight Tips](#)
- Start getting familiar with UC, Cal State, [Common App](#), and [FAFSA](#) web pages!
- Check-in with the College and Career Center for support
- If you are applying to a private university, it is most likely that they use the “Common Application” which also opens on August 1st. Open an account on Common Application at: [Common Application](#)
- Check your credits, A-G, and graduation status
- Ask teachers, counselors, and coaches for letters of recommendation

September



- Continue working on your applications
- [College of the Desert](#) website
- Check in with your counselor

October



- California State Universities application filing period opens October 1st – [CSU](#)
- Finalize Personal Insight Questions/Statements
- Stop by the College and Career Center for support
- Collect letters of recommendation
- Attend College and Career Fair

November



- Early Decision and Early Action deadlines are typically November 1st or 15th. Don't miss your deadlines.
- University of California (UC) application filing period is from November 1-30. Don't wait until the last minute to file!
- Cal State University (CSU) application filing period is from October 1- November 30. Don't wait until the last minute to file!
- Monitor student's grades on Aeries and contact teachers with academic concerns, if any.

December



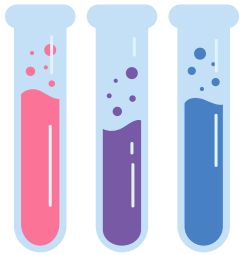
- Check to see if any of the private colleges that you are applying to requires the CSS profile for financial aid. This is an additional application that provides colleges with additional information regarding financial need: [CSS Profile College Board](#)

January



- Start or continue your search for scholarships. Stop by the College and Career Center with questions and to inquire about new scholarship postings along with scholarship web searches such as: [Fastweb Scholarship Search](#) [California Scholarship Search](#) [Go College Scholarships](#)
- If you will be attending a college in California, you may be eligible for the Cal Grant. Talk to your counselor or the College and Career Counselor about qualifications for a Cal Grant (financial aid) [Cal Grants](#)
- Send in your mid-year reports including your seventh semester transcript, if requested by your college. Always check your email for college requests and communications.
- Check to make sure all applications were received (keep all email receipts) and keep checking your email.

February/March



- Decisions (rolling admission offers) begin to arrive!
- Keep up your grades! You will need to submit your final grades to the college of your choice.
- Colleges can rescind your admission if you do not maintain your grade point average.**
- If there are changes in your academic courses or extracurricular program since your initial application, you must notify your colleges.
- Stay on top of financial aid deadlines and check for local scholarships in the college and career center.
- Check your email DAILY for communications from colleges, especially those regarding incomplete applications or missing information. Respond quickly to any requests from schools.

April



- April 1 acceptances arrive! Analyze your acceptances and financial aid packages carefully to determine what is the best match for you.
- Make an appointment with the financial aid office at the college you accept to FULLY understand your award letters. **You can renegotiate financial aid package!**
- Decisions and deposits are due by May 1 to the college of your choice. Follow the instructions on your acceptance letter. Note any special procedures for housing. It is considered unethical to make a deposit to more than one school.
- Stay on top of your credits, grades, and graduation requirements.

May



- AP exams
- May 1st is the deadline to notify the college of your choice.
- Check any fees you may have and pay them
- Prepare for graduation

June



- Graduation!
- Order transcripts through [Parchment](#)
- If you failed any classes 2nd semester, enroll in summer school in the counseling office.
- Make sure your colleges have received your official transcripts by **June 30th**.